

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
Masataka NISHIKAWA et al.	)	Confirmation No.: 2773
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Application No.: 10/568,685	)	Group Art Unit: 4153
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Filed: February 17, 2006	)	Examiner: Jameson Q. Ma
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For: READER FOR IMMUNOCHROMATOGRAPHIC	)	
TEST, CARTRIDGE APPLICABLE TO THIS,	)	
AND SYSTEM FOR EXAMINING	)	
IMMUNOCHROMATOGRAPHIC TEST PIECE	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
**Customer Window, Mail Stop Amendment**  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

In response to the non-final Office Action dated September 4, 2008, the period for response to which extends through March 4, 2009, by the concurrently-filed petition for a three-month extension of time and corresponding fee payment, please amend the above-identified application as follows: